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2. Approach to anchorage. [redacted] two television antennae, of similar design, at point 1 on overlay No 3

[redacted] One of the television antennae was rotating (i.e., both shaft and crossbars were moving as a unit). A rough sketch of the antennae appears in the box numbered 4 on overlay No 3.

3. A large radar scanner at point 2 on overlay No 3 was noted [redacted]
[redacted] "probably 50 feet or more across and tilted at an angle of about 15 degrees."

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4. [redacted] three large square doors or openings, close together and in line, just under the crest of a hill at point 2 on overlay No 3. Each opening faced to the southwest, and was surrounded by what appeared to be new concrete. The hillside in the area appeared to be scarred by excavation work. The position was fixed by cross bearings. [redacted]
[redacted] this might be a coastal defense installation.

5. [redacted]
6. [redacted]
7. Anchorage. [redacted]
The holding ground material was gray clay with weed on top. The holding quality was excellent.

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8. Approach to harbor. The approach to the harbor from the anchorage was a track bearing 273° (marked point 5) from the leading lights marked 20 on overlay No 1. This track was taken by all ships entering and leaving the harbor [redacted]
[redacted] This track is at variance with [redacted] Chart [redacted] which shows the deep water channel as 267°30' from the leading lights. The chart also does not show the buoy marked 3. (Dead fix. Flashing every three seconds.. Can Top Mark). It bears 012° T from M Astaf'yeva and is 900 feet from that point. The light (flashing green) marked 4 on overlay No 1 is not shown on [redacted] Chart [redacted] either. The depth in the deep water channel is at least 28 feet, for the vessel's draft was that much upon entering. 50X1-HUM
9. The largest vessel [redacted] using the channel was a Soviet Liberty-type ship under full load. 50X1-HUM
10. [redacted]
11. [redacted]
12. Security guards patrolled the quay, and one each was placed at gangway, bow and stern in port. 50X1-HUM
13. Harbor Craft. [redacted] miscellaneous harbor craft moored in the area marked 19 on overlay No 1. A self-propelled floating crane (underway), capacity probably about 50 tons, was noted in the enclosed portion of the harbor, near the area marked 13 on overlay No 1. 50X1-HUM
14. Berth in port. [redacted]
[redacted] A detailed sketch of the quay is provided on overlay 2, although it is not to scale. The length of the quay was approximately five thousand feet. It was a concrete seawall type with bolted wooden bumpers and with an asphalt apron. The direct line of the quay was 206° T according to the ship's gyro-compass which was running one-half degree high at the time of calculation. The depth alongside was at least 28 feet, since the vessel's draft was that figure when it tied up. This contradicted the [redacted] chart [redacted] which shows the depth to be much shallower; dredging had obviously occurred. An area, approximately that marked 21 on overlay No 1, had been reclaimed for the quay. 50X1-HUM
15. Five sheds, each several hundred feet long, were observed [redacted] as shown on overlay No 2. The sheds marked 1, 2, 3 and 4, were of stone and brick construction. Shed No 5 was of wooden construction. 50X1-HUM
16. Approximately 30 cranes were observed on the quay, straddling the three-track railway (see paragraph 27 below). Six of these were 15 tons SWL and spaced equally along the quay amongst the others, which were of three-five tons SWL. All were electric and mobile on rails, and all but two were of the luffing jib type.
17. In addition, seven cranes were observed inshore as sketched on overlay No 2. Four of these, marked B on the overlay, were immobile and of about 15 tons SWL. Three others, marked C, were mobile on a liner. 50X1-HUM
18. A coal dump was observed on the quay as sketched on overlay No 2. [redacted]
[redacted] approximately 15 thousand to 20 thousand tons of coal at the dump.
19. [redacted] the area of the quay marked "A" was apparently reserved for small craft. 50X1-HUM

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20. Soviet Liberty-type ships were loading what appeared to be military equipment, painted a "greeny-gray" color, at sheds marked 1 and 2 on overlay No 2. This equipment included trucks, cars, bulldozers, and other machinery, according to source.
21. Three railroad tracks of standard Soviet gauge, were observed on the quay. The middle track was apparently used as a switch track in order to leave the other two uninterrupted during loading and/or unloading activity 50X1-HUM
22. Chart [] shows the areas marked 8 and 9 on overlay No 1, as part of the bay, but [] these areas had apparently been filled to allow extension of the railroad through the areas, as sketched. [] the track through area 8 has apparently been linked with the track shown on the chart as running north of Nakhodka Bay. 50X1-HUM
23. [] the water facilities on the quay were adequate, and the quality was good enough for either boiler or drinking use. 50X1-HUM
24. []
25. The only food supplies available [] were vegetables []
26. []
27. Cargo Operations. Unloading was done by cranes (see paragraph 16 above) using clam shovel type grabs. The grain was loaded into temporary bunkers, then fed by gravity into boxcars. The boxcars had apparently been converted for grain use, were covered, and were in "good condition." [] all grain operations on the quay appeared to be handled by grabs and hoppers, but that "mobile suckers" had been promised the port for the future. 50X1-HUM
28. The dock workers were adequate in number and quality []
29. Construction. [] a considerable amount of railroad construction in addition to that already mentioned. A railroad station and sidings were observed at approximately point 10 on overlay No 1. [] there had also been uncharged construction west of the station, since trains loaded passengers for Vladivostok and headed west. There also appeared to be new sidings near the sheds marked 17. [] other 50X1-HUM appeared to be ample rolling stock on hand for port use. [] two steam engines of "Nineteenth Century UK-type design," and both appeared extremely clean.
30. [] the area marked 18 on overlay No 1 had been reclaimed, and [] construction appeared to be underway. 50X1-HUM
31. Four new jetties were observed at point 12 on overlay 1. [] as suitable for vessels of about three thousand tons DW. Each jetty was about three hundred feet in length.
32. [] the area designated 16 on overlay No 1 is shown as marshland [] but that it has been filled and reclaimed. [] considerable new construction in the area, including long sheds at approximately point 17. These sheds appeared to be about one thousand feet in length [] 50X1-HUM

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33. [redacted] construction is in process in the immediate land area adjacent to 13 on overlay No 1. 50X1-HUM
34. Blasting was heard in the area marked 6, and [redacted] it was located in the western portion of the area. 50X1-HUM
35. Shipbuilding and ship repairs. Two floating dry docks were noted at point 11 on overlay No 1. No ships were observed in the dry docks, [redacted] their capacities were about 10 thousand tons DW each [redacted] there may also be shipbuilding or ship repair activity along the western shore of the area marked 6 on overlay No 1. 50X1-HUM
36. Additional ships in harbor. [redacted] three small tankers ("coastal tankers") tied up to the jetties marked 9 on overlay No 1. [redacted] a Soviet Liberty-type vessel anchored in an area approximately at point marked 7. All foreign ships seen in port were carrying grain, except [redacted] a [redacted] Cable vessel. [redacted] only Soviet ships enter the enclosed portion of the bay below M Basnina [redacted] 50X1-HUM
37. Naval activity. The only naval activity [redacted] in the harbor was a Soviet submarine, which [redacted] appeared one morning from somewhere in the vicinity of point 13 on overlay No 1, sailed out of the harbor, [redacted] returned in the evening to disappear in the approximate area of 13. 50X1-HUM
- [redacted]
- [redacted] the "S" class silhouette most resembled that of the submarine [redacted] observed. [redacted] the conning towers [redacted] were very much alike [redacted]
38. Town of Nakhodka. [redacted] the new town of Nakhodka appeared to be centered at about point 22 on overlay No 1. [redacted] the buildings were generally of brick or stone construction, and the roads unpaved. [redacted] there was "little to buy," and the money exchange rate was very unfavorable. The Seamen's Club was the only source of entertainment for the sailors [redacted] and here they were subjected to Soviet propaganda, including anti-US movies. 50X1-HUM

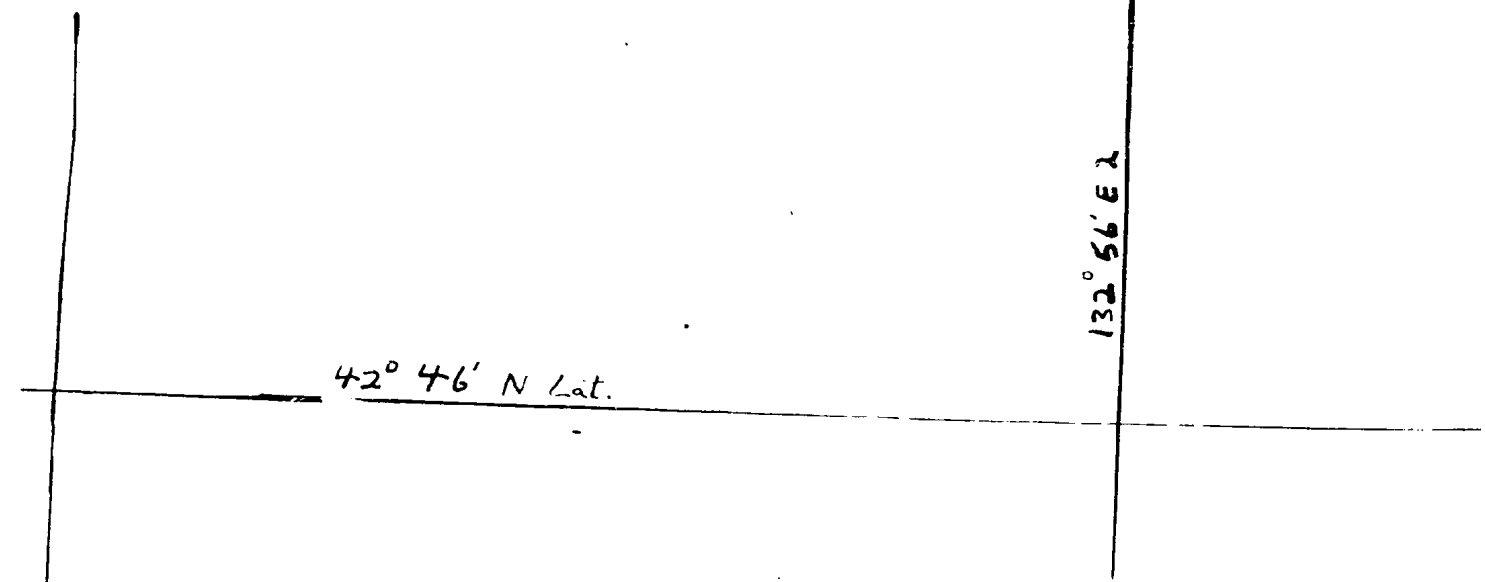
[redacted] three overlays on which [redacted] various points of reference [redacted] are described in the above report. The overlays are as follows:

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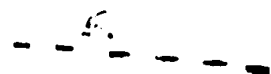
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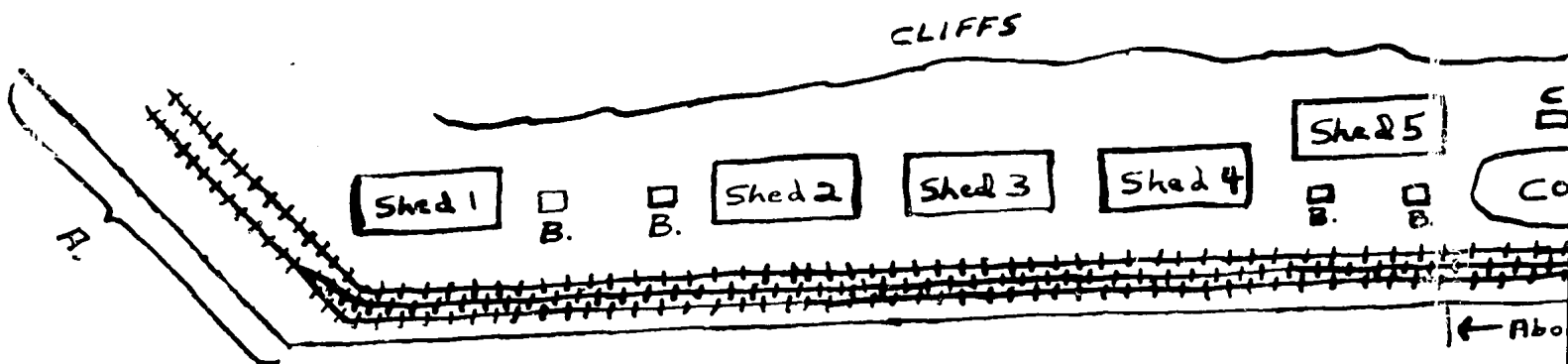


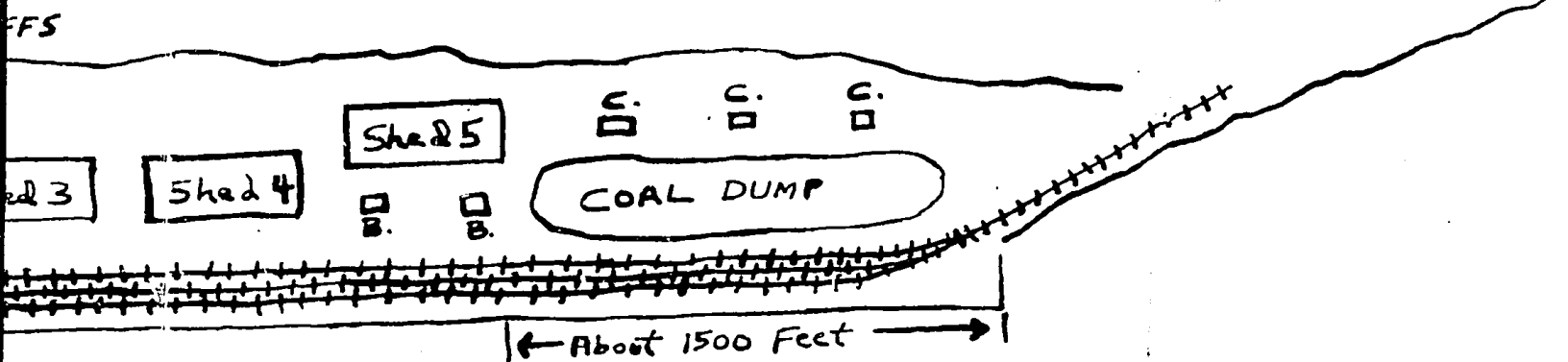
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